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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

**Many Cases of Influenza. Patriotic Missionary Ladies. Mr. Dobey Celebrated 73rd Birthday.**

The Board of Health, during the past week reported about 800 cases of influenza within a radius of 5 miles of Johnston. Many of the families in town have been afflicted with it, and in many cases every member of the household would be prostrate. In one home there were nine, and in another there were seven, sick at one time, and the problem was distressing. There does not seem to be an increase this week but in the rural district it is gaining sway. Every precaution is being used, and the ice-cream parlors and founts are closed for a while. On Saturday the council considered closing all stores at 2 o'clock, but it was decided to allow them to stay open, but to allow no crowd to gather at any point. Every one seems only too willing to comply with any request.

During the last drive for the Liberty Loan, the members of the Baptist Missionary Society decided to buy a bond, the money to be raised by individual gifts. The benefit of this bond was for the Baptist Hospital, Columbia, with the view that the mothers of any of the South Carolina boys overseas, when sick and if needy could be treated there. The idea was also for aid there to any of the boys if they returned needing treatment. In the raising of the funds, all responded so generously that two instead of one bond were purchased. With this as a state-wide movement by all societies, the needy sick mothers of the soldier boys will ever be cared for.

Mrs. Annie P. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lewis and little Annie Lamar are at home from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Will Mobley in Thompson, Ga.

Mrs. Milton Meyer of Aiken, and Miss Luelle Norris of Columbia have been for a visit to Mrs. M. E. Norris. Mrs. Kittie Rushton who has been living in Greenwood for the past two years, has returned to Johnston and is again in her old home.

Mr. Clarence Jacobs who is located in Columbia is here for a visit to his parents. Mrs. Herbert Eldson is at home from Wright's Hospital and everyone is delighted that she is so much improved.

Miss Emma Bouknight is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Miller, in Richmond, Va.

Miss Emma Wright has been quite ill with pneumonia, but is now considered better.

Mrs. C. B. Boatwright of Louisiana has been the guest of her niece, Mrs. J. W. Marsh, and from here she went to Saluda to visit her son, Mr. Grady Hazel.

The following announcement has been received here by friends: "Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Montgomery announce the marriage of their daughter, Irene Earle, to Captain Allen Lester Broadwater, U. S. A., Wednesday, October 9th, 1918, Landrum South Carolina."

Miss Montgomery was one of the teachers in the high school here last session, and it was while here that Cupid played his pranks, their first meeting having been here. Hearty congratulations are extended.

Miss Orlena Cartledge has returned from Ninety Six where she has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Mott Payne.

Captain Jordon of Camp Jackson was a visitor in the home of Mr. David Howard for the week-end.

Veteran H. W. Dobey celebrated his 73rd birthday on the 20th and he is as hale and hearty almost as the soldier of the present day. It is a strange coincidence, but three veterans who belonged to the same company, and as they call it, "messed together" in the war, should find themselves, within the last few years, all together, their three houses being in a row, they being Veterans J. M. Turner, H. W. Dobey and M. W. Clark.

Mr. Eugene Thrailkill has purchased a home on Addison Street, and he and his family are now domiciled there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Browne have moved to Edisto Street, and Mrs. T. R. Denny is again in her old home after an absence of two years.

Mrs. DeSaussure Hogan has re-

## The Cotton Seed Situation.

The difficulties surrounding the transportation of all heavy freight is proving one of the perplexing features of commerce just at this time, including cotton—an embargo being placed on the latter commodity in Augusta for the past several days. Now, it seems that the cotton seed situation is one of the important questions that must be settled in order to avoid great loss, and this should be obviated, if possible, because this is a great food crop and therefore should be saved at all costs.

There have been many problems connected with the cotton seed industry this season, chief of which is the matter of moving them from a point of origin to the mills and after that handling them there, for the mills have insufficient help in every instance. In an effort to aid the problem the food administration in Georgia has issued three orders on cotton seed as follows:

Cotton seed dealers, ginners and individuals are forbidden to load cars before they have an order for the car load of cotton seed.

Shippers of cotton seed are forbidden to ship seed to any crusher or dealer who has not ordered or bought such seed from the shipper.

Ginners, dealers and individuals are forbidden to store or leave cotton seed where they will be exposed to the weather, or to store them in such manner as will result in loss of food and feed value through heating.

It is stated that there are many complaints of dealers loading cars before they can be moved, shipping to buyers without orders and various other troubles. Farmers should keep their cotton seed at home, just as they should cotton, until the market is stabilized, and in this way they will aid in solving a problem of the most difficult nature—one which can hardly be remedied without such cooperative action.—Augusta Chronicle

## Death of Pressley Doolittle.

Clad in his uniform, an evidence that he was in the military service of his country, the body of Pressley Doolittle was laid to rest in the Red Oak Grove cemetery Saturday morning. This splendid young man was inducted into military service September 2, and had been in training at Camp Jackson since that time. He was stricken, along with hundreds of his comrades, with influenza. Complications set in and he was unable to resist the disease. He was a brave boy who possessed many fine qualities and when called to the post of duty he went willingly to fight for humanity and the liberty of the American people. Had he been spared until he reached the scene of conflict overseas, there is no question but that Pressley Doolittle would have done his part nobly and bravely. He came of that kind of stock and he would have gathered additional honors unto the name he bore. His death will add another gold star to the County Service Flag which will soon be raised upon the public square of Edgefield. All honor to him and may his noble, patriotic, unselfish example be an inspiration to others.

## Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50¢

turned to Congaree after a two weeks' stay here at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. O. S. Wertz, in the home of Mrs. H. W. Crouch. Mrs. Wertz was taken suddenly ill at her daughter's and is just able to return to her home.

Mr. Leroy Wertz of Belton was a recent visitor here with relatives. Mrs. Robert Long was here a part of last week with friends.

Miss Jamie Bruce is the guest of the Misses Bean.

Mrs. Ficklin has returned to Batesburg after a visit in the home of her sister, Mrs. Ollie Rhoden.

Mr. J. Neil Lott is having erected a handsome brick and tile residence in west Johnston. The dwelling is being erected just behind the old Lott homestead, one of the oldest places in the vicinity, and historic as well. When the dwelling is completed this will be removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Cassells of L. ton were guests last week in the home of their son, Mr. W. P. Cassells.

## Edgefield County Went "Over the Top" in Fourth Liberty Loan.

The following figures show the subscriptions through the several banks:

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| Farmers Bank . . . . .             | \$117,350.00 |
| Bank of Edgefield . . . . .        | 74,000.00    |
| Bank of Trenton . . . . .          | 39,150.00    |
| Bank of Western Carolina . . . . . | 40,000.00    |
| Bank of Johnston . . . . .         | 80,050.00    |
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|                                    | \$350,550.00 |

Edgefield went over and Trenton went over. Edgefield county went over its banking appropriation.

## American Soldier As Seen By Huns.

With the British Army in France, Oct. 20.—Just what the Germans think of American soldiers with a few side remarks regarding the St. Mihiel operations is disclosed in a confidential document signed by the chief intelligence officer of the Nineteenth German Army which has been captured by Americans fighting on the British front.

The document prefaces a discussion of the St. Mihiel attack by admitting that the number of Americans in reserve on that occasion was unknown. It then takes up the divisions which carried out the assault. It says the First, Second and Forty-second are tried attack divisions and the Fourth and Twenty-sixth are fighting divisions which already proved their qualities in battles on other parts of the front. The Fifth, Eighty-ninth and Nineteenth are described as divisions never identified in battle, but with some good experience in the line, and the Thirty-fourth as in reserve.

The document then discussed the details of the operations, admitting that when the Americans reached Thiaucourt the entire St. Mihiel salient was rendered untenable and there its evacuation was ordered and the retreat carried out according to plan.

A little further on the order, which was distributed generally throughout the German army, has this to say of the American soldier:

"He obviously is very much afraid of being taken prisoner. He defends himself violently to the last against this danger and does not surrender. This seems to be the result of propaganda picturing cruel treatment if he falls into German hands.

"The American is expert in handling machine guns, is firm on the defensive and develops a strong power of resistance from his very numerous machine guns. The bearing of the infantry indicates slight military training. The artillery was at its best as long as it remained at its original positions during preparations for an attack. The methods of fire were good. It was very quick in getting on opportune targets, this apparently being due to the lavish employment of technical devices. Within a minimum period the Americans were able to furnish a well directed fire.

"Liaison between the infantry and artillery was perfect. When infantry ran into machine gun nests it immediately fell back and a new artillery preparation from accompanying batteries followed very promptly.

"A large number of tanks were assembled for attack, but only a small number came at us, as large infantry masses already had achieved the desired end."

A sentence in the document says: "In general it should be noted the American is quite honorable—he does not fire on stretcher bearers."

## For Sale.

Twelve Buff Orpington Hens, \$1.50 a piece.

W. E. STOKES.

## Treat Grain for Smut.

To avoid the toll exacted by smut treat your oats and wheat as follows:

From any drug store purchase one pint of Formalin, to this add forty gallons of water, sprinkle or put your grain in sacks and dip in this solution taking out right away and covering with sacks or bags previously sprinkled or dipped in the same solution that your grain was treated with. Leave covered for two hours, then spread out to dry. Grain should be planted not later than two days after being treated. This method is better than the Blue Stone method, being used for oats and wheat.

F. Stokes, County Agent.

## Sugar Restriction Grows More Severe.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Restrictions on the use of sugar will be even more rigid during November and December than at present in order that the needs of the fighting forces of the United States and allies may be supplied. The food administration announced tonight that sugar allotments for household use will be held strictly to two pounds a person each month and that the supply for manufacturers of soft drinks, ice cream and confections would be reduced sharply.

For the manufacture of soft drinks the amount to be supplied during November and December will be 25 per cent. of the normal requirements or a cut of one-half from the amount used for such purposes since July. Ice cream manufacturers will come under the same restrictions, receiving only one-fourth the amount normally required.

Practically all manufacturers of beverage syrups, chewing gum, chocolate, cocoa, malted milk, table syrups and molasses, soda water and artificial honey will be cut to 50 per cent from July 1 to December 31, 1918 and the year 1917 combined.

## Death of Mrs. James Stevens, Jr.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Stevens, the wife of Mr. James Stevens, Jr., died at her home on the Martin Town road after a very short illness. She fell a victim of influenza and later pneumonia developed. Mrs. Stevens was before her marriage Miss Lucy Doolittle and was beloved by a large circle of friends. She was devoted to her home life and found her greatest joy in contributing to the happiness of those near and dear to her. She was a member of Red Oak Grove church, where the funeral was held Friday afternoon. Besides her husband, this good woman is survived by one daughter. Sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved friends.

## Three Open Graves.

Three open graves at Red Oak Grove Cemetery at one time last Friday was an unusual and deeply impressive sight. The three deaths were Mrs. James Stevens, Jr., Pressley Doolittle and a child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinnie.

## Death of Mr. F. S. Long.

A number of deaths have occurred in the county within the past few weeks, but among the saddest was the passing away of Mr. F. S. Long near Trenton early Tuesday morning, October 15, his demise causing the taking of a young husband, father and an only son of his widowed mother, Mrs. Sallie Long.

Mr. Long was stricken with influenza and from the first, despite the best medical attention and the most tender, painstaking nursing, he was prostrated early in the attack and his vitality steadily became exhausted. Mr. Long was in his 34th year. Soon after graduating from Newberry college about 10 or 12 years ago, where he made a splendid record, he began to teach and had been teaching continuously since that time. For a number of years he taught in Beaufort, but accepted the Trenton school for the present session, making his home with his mother. He stood high in the teaching profession and was offered several good school. Few young men in the county, of Mr. Long's generation, were better equipped for a career of useful service than he was.

He was a member of Harmony church, from which church the funeral service was conducted Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. H. Thacker. Besides his devoted wife and two little children, four and six years of age, Mr. Long is survived by his mother, Mrs. Sallie Marsh Long and one sister, Mrs. Walter H. Smith.

## Well Executed Withdrawal in Progress.

Washington, Oct. 18.—While the German retirement in Belgium has glittering possibilities military opinion is forced to the conclusion that what is in progress is a well ordered and executed withdrawal, probably upon prepared positions. The fact that reports from other portions of the front, notably from the Lille area and southeast of Laon also tell of retirements, gives the movement indication of a general withdrawal, but as yet no official information has come to indicate where the line upon which the enemy will attempt to stand has been established.

Army officials can take no notice of the numerous reports of an impending complete capitulation in seeking the explanation of the German maneuvers in the field. They can ascribe these operations to very definite and well developed plans of the German staff. It was said tonight that the enemy probably had begun the second phase of the withdrawal caused by the unwavering pressure by Marshal Foch all along the battle line. Lacking the reserves for a stand on an extended front, it is to be assumed that he is falling back to a much shortened line where he can show greater resisting power.

## Forced to Compromise.

There is reason to believe, however, that under the hammering of the allied and American armies, the German high command has been compelled to make a compromise. Instead of holding on to the front line until the new front was in readiness, it is regarded as highly probable that the retirement is being made to defenses not fully equipped and certainly not manned with extensive reserves. The rapidity of the allied pursuit in each case gives no opportunity for rest or reorganization.

The genius of the German general staff is plainly shown, officers say, in the withdrawal thus far and it is still evident that a well ordered movement is clearing enemy forces out of the Belgian coast area.

The reports showing that the French were making progress in clearing up the Oise-Serre pocket, southeast of Laon, attracted particular attention here. This narrow point of high ground between the two rivers, guarded by wide marshy water lines on both fronts, has appeared to be the bastion on which the enemy resistance in the center rested. It has been regarded as incapable of retention for any great length of time, however, as it is subject to a three sides bombardment of heavy guns.

The enemy made this sector, however, a part of the Hindenburg line, and has been employing it to hold up the general advance in the center.

## To Shorten Line.

The collapse of this position presumably means a rapid straightening of the whole center of the front. At

## HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

**Some Have Succumbed to Influenza. Mrs. Sallie Bunch Continues Feeble. Mr. Shaw's Accident.**

Third Sunday being service day at Hardys, we went up there, not having heard there would not be any services. We found the church closed and no one came so we returned home.

The Cemetery school has been closed until permission is given to resume business on account of the influenza scare. There may be some cases of it among the white people that I have not heard of but there are several negro families down with it in the neighborhood.

Mr. Tom McKie's family are up again and so is Mr. George McKie's little boy. Miss Pearl McKie, we were glad to hear, is improving some.

Mr. Harry Bunch is out again, though not strong yet. His children have all recovered from their colds.

Mrs. Sallie Bunch is quite feeble and does not gain any strength.

Mrs. J. H. Harrison, we were glad to hear, was sufficiently recovered from her bad feelings to enjoy a visit with Mr. Harrison to his sisters in Trenton a week ago.

Mrs. Townes and Mrs. Walter Stevens visited Mrs. Bunch Wednesday and said that Mr. Frank Townes had gone to attend the fair in Atlanta. He expects to exhibit some hogs at Columbia next week.

Mrs. E. J. Barker is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Townes in Aiken.

Mrs. Fred Barker's mother, Mrs. Barker of Tennessee, is visiting her daughter at Curryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Biggar, formerly Mrs. Frances Townes, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Medlock Sunday afternoon.

Miss May Seckenger returned to Augusta Tuesday after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Martin Medlock.

Mrs. Luther Reese spent Tuesday with Mrs. Tom McKie to see Miss Addiee McKie and bid her good-bye before she left for Washington, D. C. At that place she will join her aunt, Miss Georgia Reese, who has a government position there.

Miss Jennie Briggs is visiting her sister, Mrs. John D. Hughey, who has been quite sick.

We were very sorry indeed to hear of Mr. Tom Shaw's painful accident with the gin. Hope he is recovering nicely now.

Miss Mattie Shaw has recovered from her spell of influenza.

We hope that Mr. Alvin Stevens' family have recovered from the influenza.

## Death of Little Babe.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Glover, and they have many warm personal friends in all parts of the county, sympathize with them in the death of their little infant son, one of the dear little twins, which occurred Monday night. The plucking of this little bud from the home circle strengthens the ties that bind the devoted parents to the spirit land.

## How To Give Quinine To Children.

FEBRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 3 ounce original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

the wings of this vital part of the line American troops northwest of Verdun and Anglo-American forces at Le Cateau are hammering ahead toward the main communication lines which support the whole enemy framework. This, it was said, probably accounts for the stubborn resistance on both wings as compared with that encountered elsewhere.

The freeing of the Belgian coast may be of the greatest value in furnishing the allied forces with new bases from which to operate anti-submarine patrols. The German u-boat flotillas on the Flanders coast have been a thing of the past ever since the harbors were blocked by the British forces, which undoubtedly had a share in convincing the enemy high command of the wisdom of quitting that territory.